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Dr. Albert D. Wheelon
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Bud:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 22 August advising me of your desire to leave the Central Intelligence Agency and Government service on 23 September 1966 to accept a position with the Hughes Aircraft Company.

It will be most difficult for us to find a thoroughly competent replacement to carry on your important work. Nevertheless, I will honor your request, which is, as I understand it, in accord with your original understanding with John McCone when you joined CIA in early 1962.

Your contribution to the Agency, to the intelligence community, and indeed to the Government has been significant. I look forward to recognizing this officially by giving you the Agency's highest award, the Distinguished Intelligence Medal, sometime prior to your departure. I am grateful for your expression of admiration for CIA and its people and appreciate your offer to be of assistance in the future.

My sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness in your future undertakings.

Cordially,

Richard Helms
Richard Helms
Director

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Mr. Richard Helms, Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C., 20505

Dear Dick:

When I accepted John McCone's invitation to join CIA in early 1962, it was with the understanding that I would serve at least three and not more than four years. I believe that I have now accomplished all of the major objectives in creating a technical intelligence component for the Agency that we had set down at the beginning. As I indicated to you last week, the Hughes Aircraft Company has offered me a most attractive position, and I should like now to exercise the original option of leaving Government service for private life. As we agreed, 23 September 1966 will be my last official duty day.

Brief words fail to express my admiration for CIA and its people. I consider it a distinct privilege to have been able to serve the national security of my country in such an organization. If I can be helpful to CIA in the future, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

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Albert D. Wheelon

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